AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system for securing a first end and a second end of a line ~~securely~~ wherein said line is placed around an object, said system comprising:

(a) a main body ~~with a plurality of holes to receive ends of said line; and~~

(b) ~~a plurality of protrusions within said holes allowing one of said line ends to enter one of said holes in a first direction and exit one of said holes in a second direction.~~ a first hole formed therethrough said main body through which said first end of said line is inserted;

(c) a second hole formed therethrough said main body through which said second end of said line is inserted;

(d) a plurality of protrusions within said first hole and said second hole allowing, within said first hole, said first end of said line to enter in a first direction and exit in a second direction and within said second hole allowing said second end of said line to enter in a first direction and exit in a second direction; and

(e) a third hole formed therethrough said main body through which at least one of said first end or said second end of said line may be further secured to said main body.

2. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of protrusions comprise a spine that prevents said line to exit said holes in said first direction.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said protrusions are angled within each of said ~~holes~~ first hole and said second hole to create wider holes at a first end where said line is received and

narrower holes at a second end where each of said lines exit each of said holes.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said main body is symmetrically shaped having two semi-circular arcs, one at each end of said main body and having perpendicular sides that intersect a tangent of said arcs wherein said first hole, said second hole, and said third hole are in a same plane.

5. (original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a leverage device connected to said main body.

6. (original) The system of claim 4 wherein said leverage device further comprises a cavity for receiving and holding said main body.

7. (original) The system of claim 4 wherein said leverage device and said main body are a single element.

8. (original) The system of claim 1 further comprising an insertion device that fits around said line.

9. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein said insertion device further comprises an external surface to engage said plurality of protrusions allowing said insertion device to move one direction within said holes.

10. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein said insertion device further comprises a plurality of protrusions on an inner surface of said insertion device that connects to said line that allow said line ends to enter said insertion device in a first direction and exit said insertion device in a second direction.

11. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein said insertion device fits around said line and is held in place by said plurality of protrusions.

12. (original) The system of claim 8 wherein said insertion device is placed around a part of said line that has not passed through one of said holes and is used to release said line from one of said holes in said first direction.

13. (currently amended) An apparatus having a main body for securing a line securely around an object, said system comprising:

(a) a first receptacle for receiving ~~an~~ a first end of said line;

(b) ~~plurality of protrusions extending from said receptacle preventing said line from exiting said receptacle in a direction said line enters said receptacles; and~~ a second receptacle for receiving a second end of said line;

(c) ~~a main body holding said receptacles and said protrusions stationary.~~ a plurality of protrusions extending from each of said first and second receptacles preventing each end of said line from exiting each of said first and second receptacles in a direction each of said line ends enter each of said first and second receptacles;

(d) a third receptacle for further securing at least one of said first end or said second end of said line around an outer edge of said third receptacle; and

(e) wherein said third receptacle is centrally located in a same plane between said first receptacle and said second receptacle within said main body.

14. (original) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising a leverage device connected to said main body.

15. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said leverage device further comprises a cavity for receiving and holding said main body.

16. (original) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising an insertion device comprising a circular wall that fits around said line with an external surface to engage said plurality of protrusions extending from said receptacle.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein said insertion device further comprises a plurality of protrusions within said circular wall

that allow said end of said line to enter said insertion device in a first direction and exit said insertion device in a second direction.

18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein said insertion device further comprises a lateral opening for placement of said line within said circular wall.

19. (original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein said insertion device is placed around a part of said line that has not passed through one of said receptacles to allow said insertion device to be pushed into one of said receptacles releasing said protrusions from around said line and allowing said line to exit one of said receptacles in a direction said line enters one of said receptacles.